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Customs Duty on Aluminium Products
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase basic customs duty on aluminium products from 7.5% to 15% to check rising imports and provide relief to the industry which is facing rough business environment, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase the customs duty on aluminium and copper scrap also to curb cheap imports of scrap especially in aluminium where customs duty on scrap is currently lower than on the prime metal unlike in case of other base metals, if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) whether the Government is considering the demand of aluminium industry to recommend duty draw back rate on aluminium to be increased and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Mines is aware that the domestic aluminium sector is facing serious challenges in view of slowdown in global business environment, continuing low aluminium prices at London Metal Exchange (LME) and growing competition from rapidly increasing cheaper imports of aluminium products from various countries, which have advantages due to low cost of power and the support given by governments of these countries. The Ministry is considering all possible steps to support domestic aluminium sector in consultation with all stakeholders.
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